

Billmeyer House (York House)
225 East Market Street
York
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Pennsylvania

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Pennsylvania		COUNTY York	TOWN OR VICINITY York
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Billmeyer House			HABS NO. PA-5188
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE York House			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 225 East Market Street			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1860, front section; ca. 1815, rear ell		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) An excellent example of an elaborate Italianate townhouse. Also significant as the home of Charles Billmeyer, railroad car magnate.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Italianate			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick with stone trim and quoins.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) L-shaped; 30'-6" (3 bays) x 36' (3 bays), with 3-section ell extending 64' to north; 3-story front & 2-1/2 story ell; front has hip roof with square cupola, rear ell has shed roof.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Quoins; windows and doors have stone surrounds with keystones; heavy bracketed cornice; ornate, bracketed cupola with round arched windows; 2-story wooden bay window on east facade; wooden balcony and gabled dormers on ell.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Side-hall plan; elaborate woodwork; painted ballroom ceiling by L. Costagini, who worked on the dome of the U. S. Capitol; marble fireplaces.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Ell may date from ca. 1815, thus essentially making the front section the most recent addition.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed on National Register of Historic Places. Burns, Deborah. Draft manuscript of HABS Pennsylvania Catalog.			
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